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SUBJ: ICAO: COUNCIL MEETING 8 DEC (C-OB 89/17)

1. DISCUSSION ON CWP 6442 CENTERED ON VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CTE AND CONFLICTING OPINIONS ON RESOLUTION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. INDONESIA REP EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WORK OF LEGAL CTE. JAPAN REP CONSIDERED TERMS CLEAR AND WORK OF CTE NOT DISAPPOINTING. CONSOLIDATION OF WARSAW SYSTEM INTO SINGLE CONVENTION WAS PREMATURE. HOWEVER, CONSOLIDATED TEXT WOULD BE USEFUL. HE WOULD NOT OPPOSE CONVENING DIP CONF.
2. REPS USSR, LEBANON, ITALY MADE STATEMENTS THAT CONSOLIDATION INTO SINGLE CONVENTION WAS PREMATURE AND SEVERAL OTHERS REPEATED POINT THROUGHOUT MEETING.
3. SENEGAL REP EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN ABOUT UNCLEAR MEANING OF "TEXT OF CONVENIENCE". LEGAL BUREAU COULDN'T DEFINE AND COUNCIL GIVEN PROBLEM OF DEFINITION. SENEGAL STRESSED THERE IS NO NEED FOR LEGAL BUREAU TO PREPARE SUCH A TEXT. ITALY AND EGYPT ARGUED TEXT OF CONVENIENCE WAS IMPORTANT FIRST STEP AND STILL LEFT OPTIONS OPEN.
4. PRES SUGGESTED PARA 9 BE CONSIDERED AS MOST INTERVENTIONS WERE REPETITION OF THE CONFLICTING POINTS OF VIEW. ALSO, TEXT WOULD BE ADJUSTED ALONG LINES OF WORK PROGRAM APPROVED BY COUNCIL. CANADA EXPRESSED CONCERN PARA 9.1 AND PROPOSED DELETING "SINGLE CONVENTION" FROM FIRST ITEM GENERAL

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WORK PROGRAM (DOC 9183, ANNEX C). SHOULD BE DELETED AS IT

PREJUDGES FUTURE ACTION. DIR/LEGAL BUREAU POINTED OUT CTE REPORT RECOMMENDED RETAINING ITEM. MOROCCO RECOMMENDED DELETING ENTIRELY FROM WP. PRES STATED ITEM CAN BE DOWNGRADED IN PART A IF COUNCIL DOESN'T WANT HIGH PRIORITY OR SHIFTED TO PART B. SENEGAL INSISTED WORDING MUST BE SAME AS DIP CONF - WANTED TO SET ASIDE TEXT OF CONVENIENCE. US, USSR, ITALY SUPPORTED CANADA'S AMENDMENT.

5. MOROCCO PROPOSED DELETING THIS ITEM FROM AGENDA. PRES POINTED OUT AGENDA NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION ONLY REVIEW OF GENERAL WORK PROGRAM. HIS SUGGESTIONS MERELY TRYING TO REFLECT WHAT COUNCIL APPEARED TO WANT.

6. FRANCE/JAPAN SUPPORTED LOWER PRIORITY. SPAIN INDICATED COUNCIL ACTION INCONSISTENT, IN THAT TIMING APPEARS TO BE ONLY CRITERIA FOR A AND B CATEGORIES. PRES STATED DIP CONF INDICATED PRIORITY BUT COUNCIL CAN MAKE DETERMINATION AT PRESENT. FRG REP MADE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE PRIORITY OF ITEM 1 (ANNEX C) TO ITEM 4. UK RAISED POINT OF ORDER AND UPHELD.

7. FOLLOWING VARIOUS ATTEMPTS TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE OF DIP CONF, VOTE TAKEN ON CANADA PROPOSAL. DEFEATED 6 FOR (CANADA ITALY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, USSR, USA); 12 AGAINST; AND 6 ABSTENTIONS (UK ABSENT CHAMBER AT THAT TIME).

8. COUNCIL THEN AGREED TO LOWER PRIORITY FOR ITEM 1 MOVING TO ITEM 4 AND RESOLUTION B OF GUADALAJARA CONFERENCE (LEASE, CHARTER, INTERCHANGE) MOVED TO 1.

9. PARA 9.3 - MOROCCO PROPOSED DELETING REFERRAL OF TASKS TO LEGAL BUREAU TO PREPARE TEXT OF CONVENIENCE. SUPPORTED BY MADAGASCAR, SENEGAL. LEBANON, NIGERIA, ITALY, SWEDEN SPOKE IN FAVOR OF RETAINING. MOROCCO ASKED THAT VOTE BE POSTPONED TO FRIDAY, WITH DIR/LEGAL BUREAU CLOSING CONSIDERATION TODAY BY EXPLAINING TEXT OF CONVENIENCE. NIGERIA OBJECTED TO DELAY AND ASKED FOR EXPLANATION. MOROCCO GAVE POOR EXCUSE THAT HE HAD LEFT PREPARED STATEMENT AT HOME. NIGERIA WITHDREW AND DEBATE CLOSED.

10. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS LEBANON MADE STATEMENT TO INFORM
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COUNCIL OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION IN HIS COUNTRY. THE "PARTIAL ECLIPSE" OF LAST 18 MONTHS HAD IMPACT ON LEBANON RESPONSIBILITIES. BEIRUT AIRPORT REOPENED 19 NOVEMBER. ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS MAKING INSPECTIONS AND ANOTHER TEAM EXAMINING BUILDINGS. DAMAGES HAVE RESULTED IN LIMITED DAYLIGHT OPERATIONS.

11. EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT BEING MADE TO RESTORE SERVICE IN AREA AND COMPLY WITH ALL ANNEXES AND REGIONAL PLANS. FINANCING BEING EXPEDITED. FACT-FINDING AND ANALYSIS WILL CONTINUE. BEIRUT AIRPORT BEING SERVED BY APPROXIMATELY SAME NUMBER OF AIRLINES, FREQUENCY REDUCED. CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY CENTER WILL REOPEN IN A FEW DAYS. HE GAVE ASSURANCES THAT CONFIDENCE CAN BE PLACED IN LEBANON.

12. PRES ADVISED CWP 6459 HAD BEEN ISSUED AND BECAUSE OF NEED TO EXTEND PROJECT IN CAR/SAM FROM THREE MONTHS, IT WILL BE ON OB 13 DECEMBER.

13. UK ASKED IF JOINT SUPPORT ITEMS WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN 10 DEC MTG. PRES ADVISED OB WOULD BE 3 JSC ITEMS CARRIED OVER FROM MTG, AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX 14, THEN RECONSIDERATION LEGAL CTE REPORT AND REMAINDER DRAFT WORK PROGRAM. HARPER

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